

**City of Minneapolis
Senior Citizen Advisory Committee**

July 14, 2011
Minutes

Patrick Rowan opened the meeting at 1:03 pm in room 333 City Hall.
Committee does not have quorum with 13 of its 22 members present.

Present

Lisa Abicht-Swensen, Frank Broderick, Rita Deyo, Terry Diebold, Elana Gravitz, Jeanne Hanson, Fay Harrison, Marilyn Holm, Thomas Leavey, Joanna Lees, Georgia Marinkov-Omorean, Roland Minda, Ray Olson, Patrick Rowan

MDHFS Staff

Ruth Kildow, Becky McIntosh, Kim Stringfellow

Guests

Council Member Gary Schiff, Ward 9

Absent

Allen Brookins-Brown, Dr. Lawrence Kerzner

Excused Absence

James Adams, Rosemarie "Sully" Gilbert, Jean Greener, Marci Holley Bartlett, Herb Nelson, Dorothy Robinson

Minutes and Agenda

With no quorum present, the minutes were moved as approved until committee has quorum. No discussion and all members are in agreement.

Council Member Gary Schiff, Ward 9

Ward 9 neighborhoods: Corcoran, Howe, Longfellow, Phillips, Powderhorn Park, and Standish-Ericsson. There are many housing projects taking place. Along the LRT line some housing communities have units that are all accessible, other community housing offer senior housing with memory care and affordable housing. Fifty percent of affordable housing in Ward 9 has been secured with trust fund dollars. New senior housing project locations include: Standish Neighborhood (38th St & 23rd Ave S); Phillips Neighborhood (24th & Bloomington); High Lake Shopping Center between the LRT and Wells Fargo; Phillips Neighborhood Alliance Housing. The age of people using shelters is increasing, as more seniors have been forced to leave their housing often resulting from the foreclosure crisis. Some housing projects have been opposed by residents who want only "family" housing in their neighborhoods. Part of the housing trend shows an increase in single-person home ownership, and an increase of young professionals choosing to rent rather than take on a mortgage. Council Member Schiff encouraged committee members to be active within their neighborhood organizations and continue to speak up for more senior housing. The number of younger seniors moving into downtown Minneapolis is increasing. Minneapolis senior housing has many advantages over suburban senior housing. Council Member Schiff shared briefly about the future of a megatropolis and how Minneapolis and surrounding counties could be impacted with a service redesign and consolidation.

Action: Joanna Lees will work with Council Member Schiff to create a list of available active housing projects.

Old/New Business

1. Decide on discussion items for Mayor Rybak's attendance at the August meeting.
Topics include Census 2010; Safety and Housing (Public Housing and Neighborhoods); population growth of age 55-64 – What can the City do to keep these folks from moving out of the city.
2. Becky McIntosh – City of Minneapolis Budget Process
The new process for budgets is by priority and the goal of the process is to create new ideas. Once reviewed and prioritized it will go to the Mayor and Finance. Because of the state shutdown this has been a challenging process.
3. Committee Priorities. Committee will prioritize and set standards guidelines for activities going forward. The process will include a subcommittee to take on the task of going through the process and bring recommendations back to the committee. The August 11 committee meeting will include identifying issues, common themes, "dot-voting" to set priorities, decide ways to discuss how much control or impact the committee would have regarding issues. Volunteers are needed for the subcommittee and to present annually to City Council.

Action: Joanna Lees will work with Becky McIntosh to review work plans and priorities.

Committee Reports

Health – Lisa Abicht-Swensen

With the state shutdown, health care providers are starting to feel impacts including licensure of new personnel, renewal of RN licenses and physicians in the same situation. The healthcare reform includes development of ACO (Accountable Care Organization), and the Minnesota Department of Human Services will be issuing an RFP. The ACO model is a group of (safety net) providers to serve a designated population (MA and Minnesota Care enrollees only) with the creation of a new not-for-profit LLC provider or organization, and would contract with other organizations and providers (e.g. Courage Center). There would be rewards to the ACO for positive healthcare outcomes. The MAAA (Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging) has an information line available Monday through Friday 8:00 am-4:30 pm, (651) 251-5762.

Legislative – Jean Greener

Jean Greener is in Washington, DC.

Senior Ombudsman – Ruth Kildow

- Ruth attended the MPHA Partner Recognition Celebration, where she received an award on behalf of the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee for their 20 years of working together.

Announcements

No announcements.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Next Meeting

August 11, 2011, 1:00-2:30 pm, 333 City Hall.

Minutes submitted by Kim Stringfellow.